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SUBJECT: EMERGENCY POWER REQUIREMENTS

REF: ISTANBUL 3736 (NOTAL)

1. DUE SHORTAGE ELECTRICITY THROUGHOUT TURKEY AND PARTICULARLY IN ISTANBUL AREA, GOT POWER AUTHORITY IETT INSTITUTED REGULAR OUTAGE SCHEDULE ON QTE TEMPORARY UNQTE BASIS 1 NOVEMBER. WHILE OFFICIALS HAVE PREDICTED TERMINATION OF PRESENT SCHEDULE ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS, IT IS GENERALLY CONCEDED THAT PROBLEM OF CHRONIC POWER SHORTAGE IN AREA WILL NOT BE SOLVED IN NEAR FUTURE.

2. CONGEN COMPOUND HAS BEEN WITHOUT COMMERCIAL POWER 0900 - 1030 HRS AND 1700 - 1800 HRS DAILY SINCE INCEPTION OUTAGE SYSTEM. IN ADDITION, UNSCHEDULED

OUTAGES OCCURRING WITH INCREASING FREQUENCY, ESPECIALLY DURING EVENING HOURS.

3. ONSITE EMERGENCY GENERATORS CAPABLE POWERING ONLY COMM CENTER AND SWITCHBOARD. EXTERIOR SECURITY LIGHTING, ELECTRIC LOCK CONTROLS, ELEVATOR, STAIRWAY, HALLWAY AND FIRE ESCAPE ILLUMINATION, WATER PUMPS AND TELEX EQUIPMENT NOT EMERGENCY POWERED. OF COURSE, IN ADDITION TO PRIORITY ELECTRICAL REQUIREMENTS ENUMERATED ABOVE,

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OFFICE LIGHTS AND MACHINES DO NOT FUNCTION DURING CUTS,

EFFECTIVELY CURTAILING STAFF WORK OUTPUT AND LIBRARY USAGE DURING CONSIDERABLE PERIOD EACH WEEKDAY A.M. EVENING OUTAGES HAVE SERIOUSLY DISRUPTED USIS PROGRAMMING. PROJECTORS, RTT, VTR AND AUDIO EQUIPMENT CANNOT BE USED. THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING PROGRAM, AN INNOVATIVE AND PROFITABLE USIS VENTURE, IS CONSTANTLY INTERRUPTED. FEAR OF BOTH SCHEDULED AND UNANNOUNCED COMMERCIAL POWER INTERRUPTIONS CAUSES UNDERSTANDABLE RELUCTANCE IN PLANNING LECTURES, DISCUSSIONS, RECITALS AND OTHER ACTIVITY. FINALLY, EXPENSIVE EQUIPMENT SUFFERS FROM FREQUENT INTERRUPTION AND REESTABLISHMENT OF ELECTRIC CURRENT. A/C UNITS COOLING TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT ARE PROVING ESPECIALLY VULNERABLE TO COMPRESSOR BURNOUTS DUE TO THIS PHENOMENON.

4. CONGEN AND EMBASSY ANKARA HAVE CANVASSED LOCAL US MILITARY INSTALLATIONS WITH VIEW TO BORROWING, RENTING OR OTHERWISE PROCURING GENERATOR ON TEMPORARY BASIS WITHOUT SUCCESS. NO GENERATORS ARE PRESENTLY AVAILABLE AT CATERPILLAR REP., TUSLOG DET 30 ANKARA, DET 29 ISTANBUL, DET 63 KARAMURSEL CDI, INCIRLIK AFB, IZMIR OR ATHENS.

5. IN VIEW PROBLEMS NOTED ABOVE AND UNAVAILABILITY OF UNIT LOCALLY, CONGEN UPON RECOMMENDATION OF AND WITH CONCURRENCE OF EMBASSY ANKARA, REQUESTS DEPARTMENT PROCURE AND SHIP ISTANBUL VIA FASTEST MODE NO-BREAK DIESEL GENERATOR OF AT LEAST 50 KVA CAPACITY, 3 PHASE, 60 CYCLE CAPABLE OF PRODUCING 110V CURRENT.
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